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INFORMATION REPORT

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1. The Chirana plant at Prague-Vysocany is known as Plant 01, Main Plant of Chirana, National Enterprise, which manufactures all kinds of medical implements and apparatus. The management of the enterprise is at Plant 01. Branch plants are located as follows: at Zabehlice,¹ producing mobile disinfection stations and field showers for the army; at Strasnice, for X-ray apparatus and auxiliary X-ray equipment; at Stepanska Street, Prague II;² at Modrany,³ for X-ray equipment; three plants at Brno; and one at Nove Mesto na Morave, for equipment for dentists.⁴
2. The following is a description of Plant 01:
 - a. The plant lies on Na Harfe Street 7, Vysocany, Prague IX. It extends some 80 meters along the above street and is approximately 130 meters deep. It is connected with the railroad line to the north by a spur track. The plant is surrounded by buildings. Open spaces are shut off by brick walls.
 - b. The main factory building is of ferro-concrete, 80 x 40 meters. Its front part has three stories, and the rear five. The entrance and gate for vehicles is on Na Harfe Street.
 - c. In front of the gate for vehicles is a small one-story house, 20 x 20 meters, containing offices of the personnel and cadre departments and the surgery room of the plant physician.
 - d. Along the southern side of the factory is a one-story wooden building, of oblong shape, approximately 40 meters long and 8 meters wide, containing the galvanic metal-plating shop of manufactured products.
 - e. Behind this building is another one of approximately the same dimensions, which is a storehouse.
 - f. Along the western side is the canteen in a brick building, 10 x 8 meters.

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Behind the canteen is a wooden building with the carpenters' shop, 30 x 8 meters.

- g. Along the northern side of the factory is the wooden storehouse, 30 meters long. This building bears the warning: "Beware, Danger of Explosion"! The rest of the northern side of the factory is a storehouse for materials. This wooden building is approximately 40 x 12 meters in size. There is an iron gate across the railroad track.

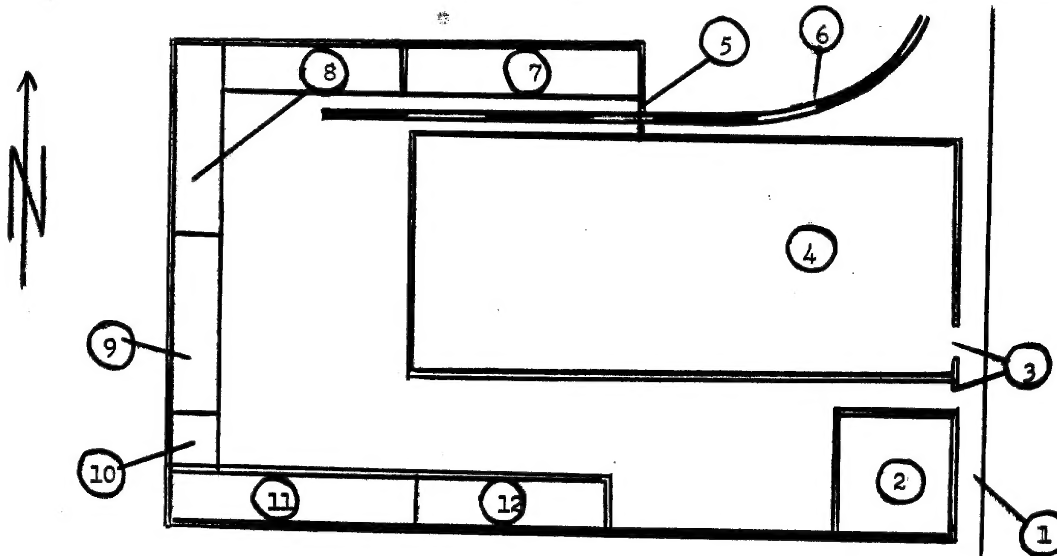
3. The following is a description of the main building by floors:

- a. Ground floor: The entrance is from Na Harfe Street in the southeast. Another entrance is in the center of the southern wall. The canteen and storehouses can be entered by the exit in the western part of the factory. Next to the main entrance that leads to a staircase is a gatekeeper. The staircase leads to a smaller hall, with a time clock. The stairs to the first and second floors are in the northeast part of the factory. Behind the staircase are cloakrooms and washrooms. Under the staircase is the shipping department. Behind the cloakrooms is the electricians' workshop and beyond that the elevator. Around it leads a staircase and a corridor to the side entrance. Then comes the machine shop which is equipped with several lathes of various types, milling machines, drills, and presses. Here they manufacture parts for the assembly shops. Behind the machine shop is an elevator for finished products and materials and workshop offices; then come a smaller corridor and a staircase to individual floors.
 - b. Second floor: In one half of it are offices of the general management and research. In the other is the heavy assembly shop, for assembling tables and urologic chairs.
 - c. Third floor: This floor corresponds to the western half of the ground floor. In the large hall is the plumbing shop, where they manufacture high-pressure disinfection boilers (autoclaves).
 - d. Fourth floor: Same plan as the second floor; there is a light assembly hall for manufacture of electrotomes (sic), narcotizing apparatus, and other medical electric instruments.
 - e. Fifth floor: This is divided in half. In the southern half are offices and in the northern half is the works dining room and kitchen. The whole plant is equipped with new and modern machines.
4. The plant produces operating tables, type Praga Duplex 1 and Praga Duplex 2; urologic chairs, examination tables, and various special operating tables manufactured on order; also high-pressure boilers for disinfection (autoclaves), electrotomes (sic), anesthetic apparatus, iron lungs, and small medical instruments. These products are supplied to hospitals, to health centers, and to the army.
5. The Five-Year Plan has never been 100% fulfilled due to the shortage of materials and poor organization. Production always lags behind assembly.
6. The plant employs 1,000 workers, half of which are clerks and officials of the general management. The majority of employees are women. The plant also employs some specialists.
7. Supplies to the army are packed in well-finished wooden cases braced with iron, 1.50 x 1.20 x 1-1.20 meters. Finished products are taken over by soldiers.
8. Managing director is (fnu) Gonsignior, a Russian Jew. Foremen of the individual departments are specialists.

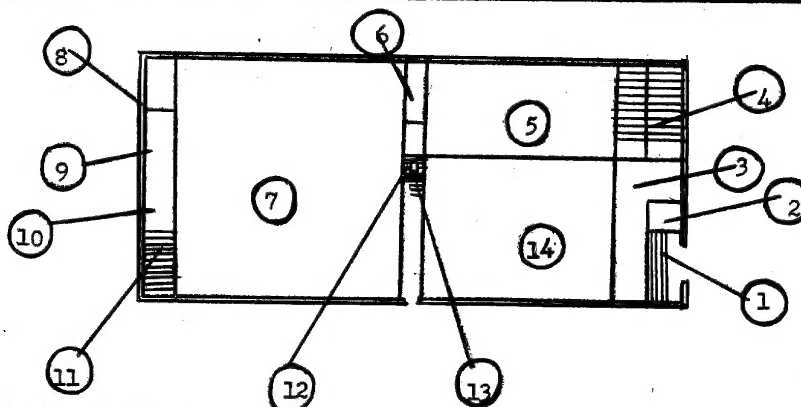
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Legend: Plant 01:

1. Street that leads to the Na Harfe.
2. Personnel, cadre dept., offices, and the infirmary.
3. Entrances.
4. Main factory building.
5. Iron gate.
6. RR-sidings.
7. Storage of materials.
8. Storehouse.
9. Carpenters' shop.
10. Canteen.
11. Storage of materials.
12. Storage of materials.

Legend, Main Factory Hall:

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| 1. Main entrance. | 8. Elevator. |
| 2. Gatekeeper. | 9. Workshop offices. |
| 3. Entrance hall. | 10. Corridor. |
| 4. Staircase. | 11. Staircase. |
| 5. Cloak rooms and washrooms. | 12. Elevator. |
| 6. Electricians' shop. | 13. Staircase and lateral corridor. |
| 7. Machine shop. | 14. Shipping department. |

Chirana plant, Prague-
Vysocany

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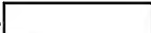



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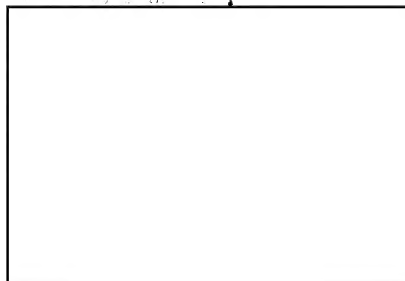
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- 25X1 1.  Comment: Zabehlice, Prague V, Plant 06 (Prague Telephone Directory 1952).
- 25X1 2.  Comment: Plant 16 at Stepanska Street 7, Prague II, was removed from Chirana management in May of 1953. The plant is now called Vatra and manufactures special oxygen breathing apparatus for the air force.
- 25X1 3.  Comment: Modrany, Chodska 477, Plant 12 (Prague Telephone Directory-1952)
- 25X1 4.  Comment: Besides the plants listed in this report, the following are listed: the Prague Telephone Directory for 1952 lists Plant 08, Prague XX, Korytna Street 4, and Plant 09, Horni Pocernice ; the Pardubice Telephone Directory for 1951-52 lists a plant in Sezemice (051/M79).



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